

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A method of replacing a shaft of a joint prosthesis having a body, a head, and a shaft after the joint prosthesis has been implanted in a patient, wherein the body is coupled to the head and the shaft has an outer surface adapted to interface with an intramedullary canal of the patient, comprising:

creating an access aperture in the patient for access to the joint prosthesis;
removing the shaft from the patient without removing both the body and the head from the patient and without decoupling the head from the body;
inserting a replacement shaft into the patient;
coupling the replacement shaft to the body without removing both the body and the head from the patient and without decoupling the head from the body;
locking the replacement shaft into place in the patient; and
closing the access aperture.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the body has an aperture configured to receive the shaft or the replacement shaft and wherein the coupling step includes inserting the replacement shaft into the aperture of the body.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further comprising coupling an insert to the body, the insert extending at least partially into the aperture of the body.

22. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the replacement shaft is an intramedullary nail.

23. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the replacement shaft is longer than the shaft.

24-75. (Cancelled)

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the body includes a central canal that extends through the body, and further wherein the step of removing the shaft includes accessing the shaft via an end of the central canal nearest the head.

77. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 76, wherein the step of coupling the replacement shaft includes inserting the replacement shaft into the central canal via an end of the central canal nearest the head.

78. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising selecting a replacement shaft longer than the shaft such that the replacement shaft extends across a fracture in a bone of a patient, the fracture located distally from the distal end of the shaft.